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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the office action mailed October 6, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 2, 7, 8, 12 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Remaining claims 1, 3-6, 9-11, 13 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,378,072 (Collins et al.). The Collins reference is directed to a cryptographic system that has a processor and a plurality of exponentiation units. The processor receives encryption or decryption requests from a host processor and divides them into